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AMENDMENT AND ARGUMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 13, 2001, Applicants amend as follows:

In the Specification (Clean copy as amended)

Page 1, first paragraph:

This application is a continuation of PCT/US99/19030, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/293,427, filed April 16, 1999, entitled "Method and Constructs for Inhibiting Protein Expression in Bacteria," which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/769,945, filed December 19, 1996, entitled "Method and Constructs for Inhibiting Protein Expression in Bacteria," now U.S. Patent No. 5,981,280, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/203,806, filed March 1, 1994, entitled "Nucleic Acids Sequence,

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